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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI SN VS

SUBJECT: GOS DISPOSITION OF VIETNAMESE C-130

REF: SINGAPORE 1390, 1339

1. OUR IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS RAPID RETURN OF C-130 AIRCRAFT WHICH IS VITALLY NEEDED HERE FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS. IN THIS REGARD, WE APPRECIATE AND SUPPORT EMBASSY'S POSITION OUTLINED IN PARA 5 OF REF A. IF IT APPEARS THERE IS TO BE A DELAY IN RETURNING THE AIRCRAFT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EMBASSY APPROACH TO THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER ON THE SUBJECT.

2. CONCERNING THE ISSUE OF THE RETURN OF THE CREW AND PASSENGERS VERSUS ASYLUM IN SINGAPORE OR ELSEWHERE, WE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT PASSENGERS DO NOT CLAIM TO BE FLEEING GVN AND CAN NOT BE CONSIDERED AS POLITICAL REFUGEES. THEY BECAME REFUGEES BECAUSE OF THE NVA OFFENSIVE AS HAVE HUNDREDS THOUSANDS OF OTHERS. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE CHOSED TO FLEE TO THE GVN SIDE, OFTEN AT A COST OF GREAT PERSONAL SUFFERING. THE GVN WITH INTERNATIONAL HELP HAS MOUNTED A MASSIVE AND EFFECTIVE PROGRAM TO CARE FOR AND RESETTLE THESE VICTIMS OF COMMUNIST

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AGGRESSION IN AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE GVN. ALTHOUGH, WE DO

NOT HAVE ALL THE FACTS ABOUT THE PASSENGERS ON THE C-130, IT SEEMS  
LIKELY THAT THEY EITHER BRIBED OR COERCED THE CREW TO FLY THEM TO  
SINGAPORE. MANY HAVE BEEN SIMILARLY AFFECTED BY THE SHOCK OF  
THE SUDDEN UNEXPECTED LOSS OF MR-1 AND MOST OF MR-2 AND THEIR  
PLIGHT IS UNDERSTANDABLE. WHATEVER THE COURSE THE GOS CHOOSES TO  
FOLLOW ABOUT THE INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED, THE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF  
THE PLANE IS VITAL.  
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